

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CITY OF MANILLA, MUNICIPAL GAS DEPARTMENT	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-16
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO EXTEND FILING DEADLINE

(Issued April 10, 2002)

On October 25, 2001, the Utilities Board (Board) opened this docket to investigate whether the City of Manilla, Municipal Gas Department (Manilla), had discontinued natural gas service without Board approval in violation of Iowa Code § 476.20(1) (2001). The investigation was initiated based upon a letter filed on October 9, 2001, by Howard Ahrenholtz, Randy Ahrenholtz, Art Joens, Jay Miller, Terry Schechinger, and Marvin Vennink (Complainants). On March 18, 2002, the Board issued an order docketing the application to discontinue gas service filed by Manilla on February 20, 2002, for further investigation and directed responses to inquiries to be filed by April 1, 2002.

On April 2, 2002, Complainants filed a request for an extension of the deadline for filing responses to the Board's inquiries. Complainants state that they are unable to file the responses by the April 1 deadline and that Manilla concurs in the request for an extension.

The Board finds that the request for an extension is reasonable and will be granted. The Board recognizes that it requested some information that might require some additional time to compile. The Board will grant the parties until May 1, 2002, to file the responses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for extension of the filing deadline filed by Complainants on April 2, 2002, is granted. Responses are now due on or before May 1, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of April, 2002.